



July 29, 2020

Greetings Neighbor,

There is a lot going on in our city including work on getting more affordable housing financed and built, ensuring public safety and police oversight, moving forward on climate justice, and fixing our streets with an eye toward pedestrian safety.

***Want to share your thoughts/concerns? Sign up for my monthly community 'office' hours - now virtual:***

You can always send an email to my office at [dkalb@oaklandca.gov](mailto:dkalb@oaklandca.gov) or call us and leave a voice message at 510-238-7001. But if you would like to talk to me directly about any local matter, please sign up for my August or September Community Office Hours to be held by phone on Saturdays, August 1 and September 5th. If those dates don't work and the matter is urgent, please let us know. Due to shelter in place, my community office hours--which normally take place at cafes throughout the district--are now conducted by phone. Contact Deidra Moss at [dmooss@oaklandca.gov](mailto:dmooss@oaklandca.gov) to schedule a time slot.

Please everyone continue to stay safe. We're not out of this yet.

*-Dan*

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## **Make Oakland Better District 1 Clean-Up**

**When: Saturday, August 1, 9:00 am - NOON**

**Where: Meet at 9:00am at 36<sup>th</sup> and West Streets**

This is a citywide volunteer partnership effort to clean areas around homeless encampments and in adjacent neighborhoods in every district in the city. District 1 event sponsored by Make Oakland Better, Alameda County, and Councilmember Dan Kalb.

All health volunteers welcome – face coverings required to participate. Social distancing will be practiced.

For more information please contact Deidra Moss | [dmooss@oaklandca.gov](mailto:dmooss@oaklandca.gov) | 510-238-3557

# Make Oakland Better



City Wide Clean-up: **District 1**  
**Saturday, August 1, 2020**  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Meet at this location:  
36<sup>th</sup> and West Streets

*All healthy volunteers are welcome • Masks/coverings are required to participate • Social distancing will be practiced*

*For more information contact [dross@oaklandca.gov](mailto:dross@oaklandca.gov) or 510.238.3557*



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## COVID-19 - Latest from Alameda County Public Health Department

This has been a whiplash couple of weeks with Alameda County on Friday July 10 rescinding its prior go-ahead for outdoor dining, and then a turnaround on July 15 when the County announced that the State of California approved Alameda County's request to become a 'variance county'. This means:

1. Outdoor dining has resumed.
2. The Oakland Zoo can open for outdoor activities with appropriate safety measures in place

Please note that face coverings are required at ALL times and may only be removed when actually eating or drinking.

Additionally, Alameda County has been placed on the State's County Monitoring List, which means that we are subject to restrictions per State Health Officer Orders issued on July 13th. This means:

1. Places of worship can hold outdoor services only and will not be able to hold indoor services
2. Indoor malls are required to close.

This does not impact other indoor retail at this time. While Alameda County remains on California's Monitoring List because local case rates remain higher than 100 per 100,000 per day, the County will

remain paused in reopening plans and will continue to align with the State's orders for Monitoring List counties.

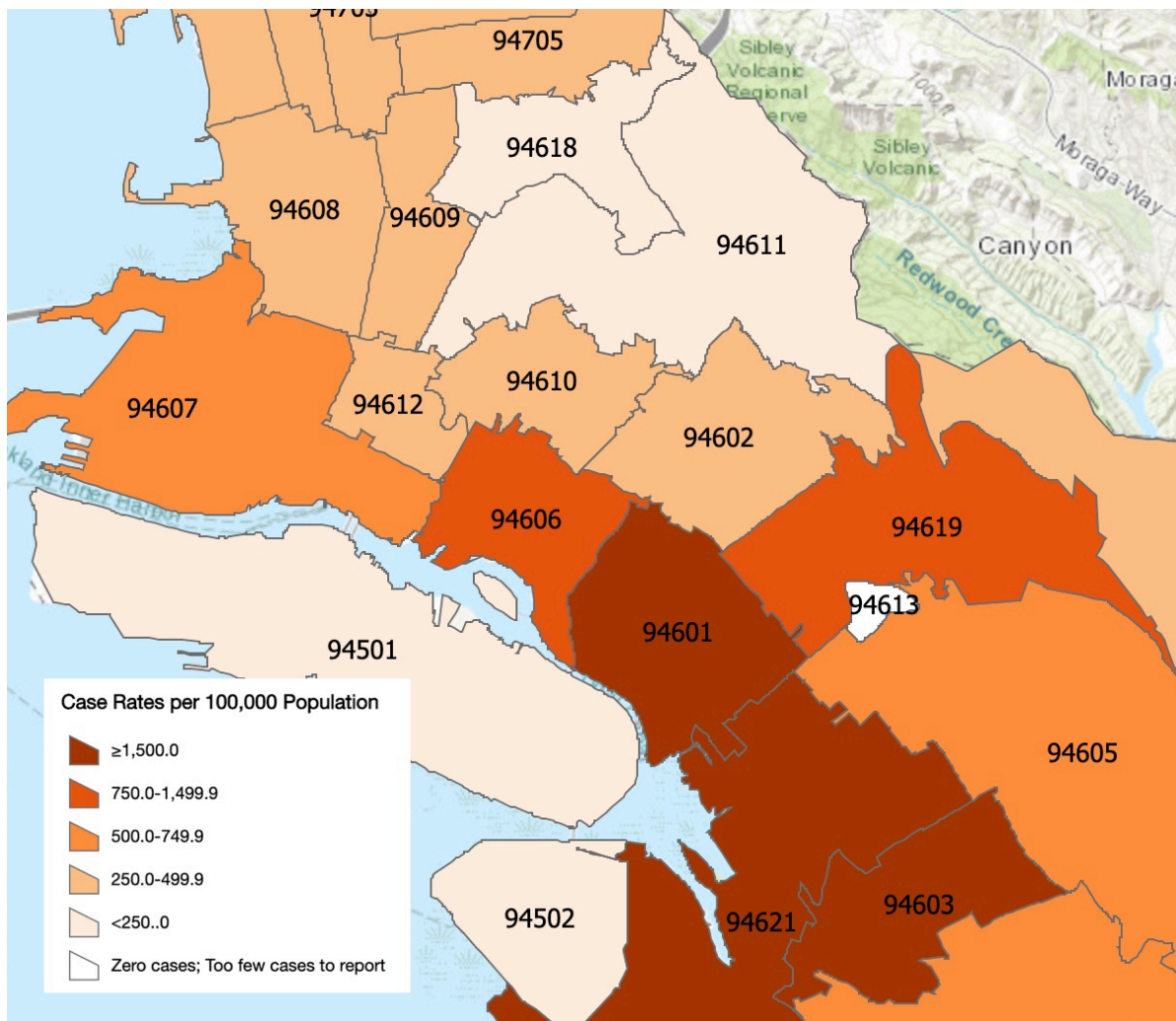
More information on COVID-19 from [Alameda County Public Health can be found here](#). For information about [contact tracing, click here](#).

### Increase infection rates

According to the County most of the surge in new cases in Alameda County can be attributed to household exposure, parties and small gatherings of friends and family. Even outdoor gatherings can be dangerous if people spend significant amounts of time together without covering their faces. The County still has *not* found any correlation between new cases and recent protest demonstrations – which is consistent with findings from areas of protests across the country.

### Case rates uneven

Covid cases are not distributed equally throughout the county. The case rate in Alameda County is 572/100K, but for example, in North Oakland the 94611 zip code has had 20 cases in total or 123/100K. Whereas the 94601 zip code has 1,072 cases in total or 1,920/100K. See the map on the [county dashboard at this link](#).



### Outlook for re-opening

Alameda County was among the first counties in the country to issue Health Officer Orders to shelter in place, estimated to have saved more than 7,000 lives and prevented 70,000 hospitalizations in the county. The County continues to take a cautious and measured approach to reopening the economy, balancing Covid-19 risks alongside the health, safety, and socioeconomic needs of our communities.

So please, wear a face covering, keep 6 feet apart, wash your hands, and stay home when you are sick.

### Contact tracing update

The County created a very helpful 'FAQ' on contact tracing, [which can be downloaded here](#).

### When is it safe to return after Covid diagnosis?

County officials also announced that employers should not require re-testing of employees who were out sick with Covid before their return from work because it ends up consuming precious testing resources. People who have been diagnosed with Covid are considered to be no longer infectious 10 days after symptoms first started, or for asymptomatic carriers, 10 days after a positive Covid test.



## Oakland 2030 Equitable Climate Action Plan

We cannot let the urgent Covid-19 public health emergency distract us from the overwhelming global climate emergency. To that end, on July 28th City Council *unanimously* adopted the [2030 Equitable Climate Action Plan \(ECAP\)](#).

I am so proud of the work done by Oakland city staff, expert consultants and equity facilitators, the ECAP Community Advisory Committee, and most importantly the thousands of Oaklanders who came out during the extensive community engagement process from late 2018 to early 2020 to help craft the 2030 ECAP. Our new Climate Action Plan sets the table for far-reaching reductions of heat-trapping emissions coupled with reductions of air pollution that is impacting the public's health now.

The evidence-based, community-driven process undertaken is a 'gold standard' of how Oakland should be developing new policies and strategies to address the needs our most vulnerable residents. That means equity in process – ensuring that those facing the greatest impacts are robustly represented in policy and program development – and equity in implementation – ensuring that the benefits of Oakland's climate actions accrue first and foremost to communities that have been hit hardest by social and economic injustices. A new tool – the [Racial Equity Assessment Implementation Guide](#) – has been developed as a companion piece to ensure equitable implementation. I strongly support this new tool.

In October 2018, City Council adopted a [Climate Emergency and Just Transition Resolution](#), calling for an urgent climate mobilization effort to reverse global warming, reduce greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible, and accelerate adaptation and resilience strategies in preparation for intensifying climate impacts. The 2030 ECAP is the tool that will make this happen.

There are some key components in the ECAP which I would like to highlight:

### Current status

Since 2017, Oakland has made significant progress in reducing emissions, thanks in part to cleaner electricity delivered by East Bay Community Energy (EBCE), increased use of sustainable transportation modes, and higher than expected use of electric vehicles. The City expects that it will surpass the greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) reduction target of 36% by 2020. Councilmember Kalb is the Chair of the County-wide East Bay Community Energy.

Analysis of the remaining emissions in 2030 and 2050 reveal that the most important factors to achieving Oakland's GHG targets will be:

- **Changing land use policies and transportation patterns to reduce vehicle emissions**
- **Switching building energy systems from natural gas to electricity from clean sources**
- **Reducing solid waste emissions and building a local reuse economy**

### Frontline Communities

The document uses the term 'frontline communities' to describe those that face intersecting vulnerabilities: racial discrimination, poverty, disability, housing insecurity, linguistic isolation, poor air quality. In Oakland, frontline communities often include those living in areas with the worst air and soil pollution, traffic congestion, and diesel particulate exposure, and the least access to nature and healthy food -- the flatlands and the Interstate 880 corridor, where generations of industry have left their mark. Flatland residents suffer elevated rates of asthma, heart disease, and early death – as well as reduced access to economic opportunities.

Frontline communities in Oakland feel the impacts of climate change first and worst. Sea level rise will increase flooding in West Oakland and near the Coliseum – communities that are predominantly African American and Latino. Heat impacts will be most severe in areas with low tree canopy coverage and for those in substandard housing, which will disproportionately affect residents of color. Lower-income residents tend to have less access to cars and reliable transit, which affects capacity to evacuate or relocate in times of disaster. And having fewer financial resources means that it will be more challenging

to rebuild or repair homes after wildfires or floods. Any solution to increase resilience must center equity, which includes co-creating solutions with frontline communities and prioritizing investments in frontline communities, to respond to current stresses while preparing for future risks.

## Indoor Air Pollution

Recognizing the profound health impacts that indoor air pollution can cause, the ECAP sets ambitious targets to create healthy, indoor spaces resilient to climate change, without exacerbating displacement of housing-insecure and cost-burdened residents. More affordable housing must be built near transit and active mobility options. Energy-efficient and all-electric amenities and appliances must be accessible to lower-income tenants without driving up housing costs.

The ECAP sets targets for banning natural gas in buildings, or "building electrification", in two stages. Firstly, by 2023 new buildings must be constructed without gas connections; cost savings from all-electric construction can be passed onto the homeowner or renter. Secondly, Oakland's existing buildings must move away from gas dependency over time. Stimulating the industry through new construction requirements will increase product availability and decrease costs, making building electrification more affordable. Leveraging state and regional incentives for electrification, efficiency, and energy storage will enable all Oaklanders to live in safe, healthy, and affordable all-electric homes.

## The Port of Oakland

Direct emissions from the seaport itself represent a relatively small portion of Oakland's GHG emissions. Nonetheless, they must be addressed. And diesel vehicles concentrated along routes serving the seaport account for almost a tenth of Oakland's total emissions. As a result, health impacts such as increased asthma and cancer risks are disproportionately felt by the primarily low-income communities of color living along the Interstate 880 corridor and in West Oakland near the seaport.

The Port of Oakland, comprising the Seaport and the Airport, is an autonomous entity within the City of Oakland with its own governance. The Port Board of Commissioners has adopted its own emission reduction targets – [download the plan at this link](#). But targets must have required follow-up to mean something. Myself and Oakland city staff have engaged numerous times with Port management to encourage a more robust approach to reducing its GHGs, including inviting the Port to present to the Oakland Public Works Committee in July 2019. In light of strong community and expert demand for more ambitious port emission targets than the Port currently envisions, the 2030 ECAP includes recommended targets for the Port to consider.

While I would've liked the 2030 ECAP to include even stronger targets and actions for the Port, I am reasonably satisfied with the current Port section.

I'm glad that my colleagues on the Council maintained a strong and united position to protect the health of Oakland residents and uphold the community-driven process that demanded strong targets to reduce the environmental impact of Port operations and support an overall ECAP that is a model for cities across the country.

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## Police Commission Ballot Measure

As one of the lead authors (with Council President Kaplan), I am proud to announce that on Thursday, July 23th, after months of meetings and discussions, the City Council passed the Charter Measure for the ballot to amend the powers of the Police Commission.

The legislation will make substantial changes to the Police Commission. Among the things it establishes in the Charter, one very important addition is the creation of a civilian Office of Inspector General. It also

ensures a performance audit is done at least once every three years, clarifies the Agency Director and Inspector General are hired by, and report to, the Commission, ensures the City Council duly considers any policies created or revised by the Commission and ensures the Chief of Police is responsive to Commission inquiries. The Inspector General (IG) will be a key element of helping the Commission do its job. The IG will be able to research and audit effectiveness of discipline and other OPD policies and make data-based recommendations to the Commission.

Additionally, the legislation ensures the Commission can hire its own legal counsel, ensures the Community Police Review Agency has access to personal records and ensures Office of Inspector General has access to data to do its job including oversight of the Negotiated Settlement Agreement.

This year's measure provides the tools necessary for the Commission to do its job while still maintaining important checks and balances already in law. Thank you to co-authors Noel Gallo and Loren Taylor for their engagement and support, to Police Commission members and Chair Regina Jackson, to Mayor Schaaf for already endorsing the Measure, the City Attorney's office, and to the many advocates and experts who weighed on the specifics over the past several months.

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## Tenant Protections

On July 14th, 2020 the City Council heard changes to the [Tenant Protection Ordinance](#) and other local renter protection laws proposed by City Attorney Barbara Parker, Councilmember Bas and myself. These changes will make it harder for unscrupulous landlords to harass and penalize tenants during COVID-19 and beyond. Among other elements, the ordinance limits the overall maximum rent increase consistent with recent state law, limits late fees, prohibits unilaterally imposed changes to the terms of tenancy, allows one for one replacement of roommates, and strengthens the enforcement of tenants' right. The ordinance was passed on July 21st to help reduce the potential for displacement of our tenants in Oakland.

### Eviction Moratorium extended

In addition, on July 21st, the City Council [extended the rent increase/eviction moratorium](#) until the Local Emergency declared by the City of Oakland is terminated. This Moratorium, first adopted on March 27th, imposes a moratorium on residential evictions and rent increases, and prohibits late fees during the Local Emergency. The Ordinance also prohibits evictions based on nonpayment of rent that became due during the Local Emergency when the tenant suffered a substantial reduction of income or substantial increase of expenses due to COVID-19. Our Eviction Moratorium also includes small businesses and nonprofits.

### Seeking Input from Renters and Property Owners

The City of Oakland is interested in understanding how the residential rent increase/eviction moratorium has affected residential tenants and property owners. The Rent Adjustment Program (RAP) is requesting residents and property owners to [complete a survey](#) to capture key information from the community.

Renters and property owners are encouraged to [fill out this brief survey](#).

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## Small Business Assistance

Even with outdoor dining, most restaurants have had a difficult time surviving during the COVID shelter-in-place emergency. Pre-COVID, third-party food delivery was a relatively small portion of a restaurant's business. But during the COVID crisis, food delivery has become a substantial portion of their business.

In order to help our restaurants thrive, I have authored, and City Council approved on July 28th, an emergency ordinance to cap food delivery fees so restaurants can retain more of what they earn. The [legislation and staff report can be found here](#).

Additionally, for the past two months, I've proposed that the City Administration to set aside funds to pay for mediation for small business and nonprofits in Oakland who are struggling to be able to pay their rent during this emergency. I'm happy to report that \$150,000 has been set aside and will be administered by the city's Economic and Workforce Development Department to help our small businesses and nonprofits negotiate temporary rent reductions and payment plans so our storefronts can stay in place without having to close.

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## Small Business Town Hall – recap

On Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> Councilmember Kalb hosted a town hall for North Oakland small businesses: 'Re-opening and Resources' with Marisa Raya (Oakland Department of Economic and Workforce Development), Aneeka Chaudhry (Alameda County Director of Strategic Initiatives and Public Affairs), Poonum Patel, (California Assistant Deputy Director & Senior Business Development Specialist, Bay Area Region), Robert Meyer (California Director of Economic Development at Employment Training Panel)

Useful links shared (which can also be found on my [Covid-19 Resources page](#)):

- [www.oaklandbusinesscenter.com](http://www.oaklandbusinesscenter.com) (recovery guidance and financial resources)
  - [www.oaklandca.gov/flexstreets](http://www.oaklandca.gov/flexstreets) (use of city right of way for business operations)
  - <http://www.acph.org/2019-ncov/covid-recovery.aspx> (COVID Recovery webpage)
  - <https://covid-19acgov.org/index.page> (Alameda County Health Officer Order)
  - <https://ibank.ca.gov/small-business-finance-center/> (IBANK- Small Business Finance Center Disaster Relief Loan Guarantee Program)
  - <https://www.treasurer.ca.gov/cpcf/calcap/index.asp> (CA Capital Access Program)
  - <https://business.ca.gov> (Go-Biz website) or 877.345.463
  - <https://business.ca.gov/coronavirus-2019/> (Go-Biz COVID-19 Resource Webpage)
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## Reimagining Public Safety Town Hall – recap

On Monday, July 13th, Councilmember Kalb co-hosted "Reimagining Public Safety: A Virtual Townhall" with fellow Councilmember Loren Taylor (District 6). **David Muhammad** (Executive Director of the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform), Chief **Guillermo Cespedes** (Chief of Oakland's Department of Violence Prevention), **Regina Jackson** (Chair of the Oakland Police Commission), and Former OPD **Chief Howard Jordan** (Retired Chief of the Oakland Police Department) joined the Councilmembers in conversation and responded to attendees questions about how each is and could reimagine public safety.

[Here's a link to the video recording of the meeting.](#)

Additionally, the City Council created a robust reimagining public safety task force and process to analyze current public safety spending and needs with an eye toward creating a roadmap for reallocation of funds that will reimagine and enhance public safety in Oakland.

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## Code Enforcement Fines – November ballot

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, I introduced a [Charter Amendment](#) to eliminate the \$1000 fine cap in the City Charter. This [legislation](#) will help address everything from illegal dumping and fire codes to planning and building code violations. It went before the full City Council on July 14th 2020. The City Council passed the Charter Amendment legislation and it will now go before the voters in November.

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## Protecting Oaklanders from Trump

On July 21, 2020, President Trump threatened to send federal troops to Oakland and several other cities allegedly in response to protests.

On July 28th, City Council [adopted a resolution](#) I authored, along with Councilmember Gallo and City Attorney Parker, directing the City Attorney and the City Administrator to take any and all lawful steps necessary to protect the rights of the citizens of Oakland against President Trump's threats to send federal officers to Oakland.

Threatening to send camouflage-clad federal troops to Oakland to grab peaceful protestors and throw them into unmarked vehicles is a threat to the people of Oakland, and to freedom and democracy throughout our country.

Oakland is a city that values diversity, freedom of speech and freedom of assembly for its residents. Such freedoms are especially critical when voices across the country are demanding racial justice and systemic change.

The [resolution](#) directs city administration to protect the rights of the people of Oakland.

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## Walking and biking improvements on Tunnel Road / Caldecott Lane

The City of Oakland is about to begin constructing the long-awaited improvements for walking and biking on Tunnel Road and Caldecott Lane, funded through the Caldecott Tunnel Settlement Agreement (fourth bore). This project will stretch from Tunnel Road at the Berkeley border to the end of Caldecott Lane in the North Oakland hills and will feature the following components:

- Sidewalk that will connect Berkeley's sidewalk on the south side of Tunnel road with the Tunnel/13/Hiller intersection
- Shared use walk and bike ramp and path on the south side of Tunnel Road to separate eastbound bicyclists and all pedestrians from traffic destined for the SR 13 onramp
- Upgraded/modified traffic signal at Tunnel/13/Hiller intersection with pedestrian push-buttons and bicycle detection
- Reconstructed median islands, new high-visibility crosswalks and new green thru-intersection bike lane markings at the Tunnel/13/Hiller intersection
- Micro-surfacing (a pavement treatment that is between a slurry seal and a complete repaving) on Caldecott Lane between Tunnel Road and the east end of Caldecott Lane

- Continuous bike lanes on Tunnel Road and Caldecott Lane between the Berkeley border and the east end of Caldecott Lane

The contractor, Ray's Electric, plans to start moving in their equipment and putting up project information signs the week of August 3. Demolition should begin the week of August 17. Residents of Tunnel Road and Hiller Drive should expect notification letters shortly. Construction is anticipated through spring 2021. Contact Sophea Sem, City of Oakland, at [sssem2@oaklandca.gov](mailto:sssem2@oaklandca.gov) or 510-715-7122, with construction-related questions or concerns, particularly once construction is underway.

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## Bay Area Regional Energy Network

[Click here to learn about webinars that will help you save money while reducing your emissions.](#)

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## Fresh Produce at North Oakland Senior Center!

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, volunteers and staff wheel boxed groceries in and out of the courtyard, creating family-sized food boxes to deliver to seniors at home. Many thanks to all the program partners: [LIFE ElderCare](#), [Senior Companions](#), [Associated Coffee](#), [Hope4theHeart](#), [Alameda County Community Food Bank](#), and the [Daily Bowl](#).

With the remaining produce, the Center has set up a new fresh produce stand. Produce varies weekly, encouraging folks to try new recipes with different ingredients and reducing the number of trips for seniors to the grocery store. Call [\(510\) 597-5085](tel:5105975085) for more information or [visit us online](#).

*Simple recipe for daikon radishes from a senior: "Slice them up and put them in vinegar, sugar and salt and a chili pepper for some extra zing!" Enjoy.*

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## Contacts:

Oakland SeeClickFix - Call 311 - <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/oak311>

Alameda County Social Services and Referral - Call 211

<http://211alamedacounty.org/2-1-1-alameda-county-resource-finder/>

Councilmember Dan Kalb's Office - 510-238-7001

OPD for Emergencies - 911 (or 510-777-3211) \ for non-emergencies - 510-777-3333

Oakland Recycling/Waste Collection Hotline - (510) 238-7283 ([recycling@oaklandca.gov](mailto:recycling@oaklandca.gov))

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Dan helping to serve food at Sankofa Elementary School as part of the OUSD food distribution.

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<https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/councilmember-kalbs-covid-19-resources>

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